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# HOW TO START A RECYCLING PROGRAM

# GETTING STARTED

- ❖ What can be recycled?
- ❖ How will the items be collected and how will they be stored?
- ❖ Where will they go?
- ❖ How will they get to market?





# BUILDING A TEAM

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- ❖ Good teams help build and sustain environmental programs.
- ❖ Ideally there should be at least one representative from each group within the school (students, teachers, staff, administration, and housekeeping staff)
- ❖ We also appointed leaders within grade levels to assist with scheduling and maintenance.

# BUILDING A TEAM

- ❖ Let the program become student driven!





# FUNDING



- ❖ We applied for a small grant 250.00 from Horry County Solid Waste Authority, used PTO \$ and Box Tops.
- ❖ DHEC offers a Recycling Education Grant Program- funding may be used for containers as well as supplies to support “Action” lessons and school recycling or environmental clubs

# GETTING THE EQUIPMENT





# GETTING THE EQUIPMENT



# LABELING BINS





# SETTING UP SHOP 😊

❖ Location, Location, Location!



# COMMUNICATE AND EDUCATE

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- ❖ We do a school-wide Environmental Awareness Week at our school.
- ❖ This is done in the first month of school and it sets the tone for the year.
- ❖ This is done during our reading Ray time 15 minutes before classes start



# KEEP TRACK OF WORK AND RESULTS

- ❖ Keeping records helps determine success and milestones that are accomplished.
- ❖ Records will show cost savings and promote benefits of program.
- ❖ Records will encourage and increase participation.

# REWARD THE STUDENTS

- ✖ Kids take a trip to our Solid Waste Authority Facility





# REWARDING THE STUDENTS

- ❖ Movie Night and End of the Year Awards



# ACTION LESSONS TO IMPLEMENT

- ❖ Recycling 101 - page 99
- ❖ Look in Your Garbage Can – page 67
- ❖ My Bag – page 79 and DHEC website for Smart Board/Promethean downloads – page 79  
[http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/lwm/recycle/action\\_smartboard.htm](http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/lwm/recycle/action_smartboard.htm)
- ❖ Musical Resources – page 71
- ❖ Environmental Shopping – page 47
- ❖ DHEC's School Recycling Guide is an invaluable resource  
<http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/lwm/recycle/index.htm>